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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: letting microsoft off easy...

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a avid computer user. I use computers and software daily to make my living as a video and computer graphics person.

I implore you to not let Micro\$oft off so easily. The recent deal to let Micro\$oft donate software to schools will be like letting the wolf off by letting him eat only the young chickens. Microsoft would love to create a stronghold on Americas education centers (traditionally a stronghold of rival Apple Computer) and what better way to do that than let them raise a generation of American kids on 1 billion dollars of "donated" software.

Micro\$oft has stolen intellectual property from other companies, bundled it in their software and used their dominant position to crush the very companies that it stole from. In doing so, it has also stifled competition and reduced the choices of the Global consumer to near nil.

Please don't let them continue to do this.

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